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Roger Anderson, Chair  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Board of Health of Huron County is writing to express their concern regarding AMO's current position concerning the relationship between public health and local municipalities. The Board supports an integrated model for Public Health. To ensure the board's position is clear to AMO, on March 8, 2005 Huron County Health Unit's Board of Health passed the following resolution, "The Health and Planning Committee of Huron County strongly supports the municipal involvement in Health Units."

We believe that integrating Public Health into a municipal structure has many benefits; linkages with other departments such as Social Services and Planning, programs that meet local needs/priorities and therefore have an increased impact, municipalities have the ability to champion Public Health related issues at a local and provincial level (housing, daycare, income, water quality, tobacco legislation). We wish to ensure that our position is clear as the Ontario public health system is currently undergoing an extensive review.

Sincerely,

Ken Oke  
Board of Health Chair

  
Dr. Sheela Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health

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